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Wayne H. Norman Plantiff	
V.	Civil Action No.
RJM Acquisitions, LLC Defendant	3-116V1330-D

COMPLAINT

<u>Jurisdiction</u>

- 1. This is an action under the Fair Credit Reporting Act, ("FCRA"), 15 U.S.C. section 1681 et seq. and the Fair Debt Collections Practices Act, ("FDCPA"), 15 U.S.C. section 1692a et seq.
- 2. Jurisdiction in this case is founded upon 15 U.S.C. section 1681p which grants the United States District Courts jurisdiction to hear this action without regard to the amount in controversy.

Parties

- 3. The plaintiff is Wayne H. Norman.
- 4. Defendant, RJM Acquisitions, LLC (RJM) is a NewYork business corporation, at 575 Underhill Blvd. Suite 224 Syosset, NY 1179, whose primary business is debt collection from consumers.

Cause of Action

Facts

5. On 5/19/2011, the plaintiff spoke with a representative from (RJM) named Ms. Johnson. The plaintiff expressed his concerns about repeated

unauthorized inquiries on his credit file submitted by (RJM). Ms Johnson advised the plaintiff that "they are only inquiries and perfectly harmless."

6. On 5/20/2011, plaintiff sent (RJM) a certified letter number: 70091410000119503416. This letter was a notice of intent to sue.

(see exhibit #2)

(see exhibit #1)

7. On or about 6/7/2011, plaintiff received a response letter from Douglas I. Greenberg, Director of Compliance for (RJM). Mr. Greenberg claims that (RJM) has never pulled a credit report from the plaintiff in reference to above account, but admits that "the inquiries to which you refer is a program available to creditors/debt collectors that provides address updates..."

(See exhibit #3)

- 8. On 6/14/2011, plaintiff spoke with Mr. Greenberg via telephone to attempt to resolve the matter without court action. Mr. Greenberg advised plainfiff that (RJM) had a permissible purpose to obtain the credit file because they owned the account, and that if plaintiff were to file a lawsuit against his company, they (RJM) would retaliate by filling a counter-suit for filing a frivolous claim.
- 9. RJM Acquisitions, LLC (RJM) has repeatedly violated the Fair Credit Reporting Act ("FCRA"), 15 U.S.C. section 1681 et seq. and the Fair Debt Collections Practices Act, ("FDCPA"), 15 U.S.C. section 1692e, by obtaining without any FCRA-sanctioned purpose, and without authorized consent, a credit report on Wayne H. Norman from Experian Information Solutions, a credit reporting agency.
- 10. The Courts have established and explicitly adopted that only a "judgment creditor" has a permissible purpose to receive a consumer report on the "judgment debtor" for use in connection with collection of the debt without the consumers consent. See <u>Pintos v. Pacific Creditors Association (9th cir. 2007) 504 F. 3d 792.</u> (RJM) is not a "judgment creditor". (RJM) does not have a judgment against plaintiff. (RJM) did not have plaintiff's permission to obtain credit report.

Liability

11. Under the Fair Credit Reporting Act ("FCRA"), 15 U.S.C. section 1681n, as well as the Fair Debt Collections Practices Act ("FDCPA"), 15

U.S.C. section 1692k(2)(A), "any person who willfully fails to comply with any requirement imposed under this title with respect to any consumer is liable to that consumer in an amount equal to the sum of,..not less than \$100 and not more than \$1000..."

Claim for Relief

- 12. The Defendant violated 15 U.S.C. section 1681 et seq. and 15 U.S.C. section 1692e, on <u>06/27/2010</u>, by obtaining without any FCRA-sanctioned purpose, and without authorized consent, a credit report on Wayne H. Norman from Experian Information Solutions, a credit reporting agency
- 13. The Defendant violated 15 U.S.C. section 1681 et seq. and 15 U.S.C. section 1692e, on <u>07/14/2010</u>, by obtaining without any FCRA-sanctioned purpose, and without authorized consent, a credit report on Wayne H. Norman from Experian Information Solutions, a credit reporting agency
- 14. The Defendant violated 15 U.S.C. section 1681 et seq. and 15 U.S.C. section 1692e, on <u>09/04/2010</u>, by obtaining without any FCRA-sanctioned purpose, and without authorized consent, a credit report on Wayne H. Norman from Experian Information Solutions, a credit reporting agency
- 15. The Defendant violated 15 U.S.C. section 1681 et seq. and 15 U.S.C. section 1692e, on 12/19/2010, by obtaining without any FCRA-sanctioned purpose, and without authorized consent, a credit report on Wayne H. Norman from Experian Information Solutions, a credit reporting agency
- 16. The Defendant violated 15 U.S.C. section 1681 et seq. and 15 U.S.C. section 1692e, on 12/23/2010, by obtaining without any FCRA-sanctioned purpose, and without authorized consent, a credit report on Wayne H. Norman from Experian Information Solutions, a credit reporting agency
- 17. As a result of the above violations of the FCRA and the FDCPA, the Defendant is liable to the Plaintiff for declaratory judgment that Defendant's conduct violated the FCRA, and the FDCPA, and Plaintiff's statutory damages, and costs of filing fees.

WHEREFORE, Plaintiff respectfully prays that judgment in a sum of \$10,350 be entered against the Defendant for the following:

- a. Statutory damages for each violation pursuant to the FCRA 15 U.S.C. section 1681n and the FDCPA 15 U.S.C. section 1692k (2)(A)
- b. Cost of filing fees,

c. and such other relief that the court feels is just and proper

Wayne H. Norman

2803 Riverside Parkway Apt. 806

Grand Prairie, Texas 75050

(817) 899-0460

Address.

1111 POLARIS PKWY # 54101-3L **COLUMBUS OH 43240** No phone number available

Date of Request: 03/01/2011

CHASE

Address:

1111 POLARIS PKWY **COLUMBUS OH 43240** No phone number available Date of Request:

02/28/2011

JP MORGAN CHASE

Addressi

1111 POLARIS PKWY # 54101-3L **COLUMBUS OH 43240** No phone number available

Date of Request: 02/26/2011

ENHANCED RECOVERY COLLC

Address:

8014 BAYBERRY RD **JACKSONVILLE FL 32256** No phone number available Date of Request:

02/22/2011

PROSPER MARKETPLACE INC

Address

111 SUTTER ST FL 22 SAN FRANCISCO CA 94104 No phone number available

Date of Request: 01/21/2011

RJM ACQUISITIONS LLC

Address:

575 UNDERHILL BLVD STE 284 SYOSSET NY 11791 (516) 714-1310

Date of Request: 12/23/2010, 12/19/2010, 09/04/2010, 07/14/2010, 06/27/2010

5/20/2011

RJM Acquisitions, LLC 575 Underhill Blvd Suite 224 Syosset, NY 11791-3416

RE: NOTICE OF INTENT TO SUE UNAUTHORIZED INQUIRIES

To whom it may concern:

This letter shall serve as formal notice of my intent to file a lawsuit against your company, due to your blatant and objectionable disregard of the law.

On 5/19/2011, I spoke with a representative of your agency named Ms. Johnson. I told her about my concerns of repeated unauthorized inquiries on my credit file submitted by your collection agency. (see exhibit #1) She advised me that "they are only inquiries and perfectly harmless."

Be advised, I did not permit your agency to review my credit file, nor do your collection agency qualify under the "permissable purposes" clause to view my credit file. Unless you can provide me with written authorization that I signed to have you review my credit file on 12/23/2010, 12/19/2010, 09/04/2010, 07/14/2010, and 06/27/2010. I am prepared to file separate claims for each violation in Small claims court as well as Federal court pursuant to FDCPA section 1692 (e), and FCRA section 604 and seek damages totalling \$1,000 per violation prescribed under FCRA section 616(b), and FDCPA section 813.

If you wish to resolve this matter without court action, I will accept a payment of Three thousand five hundred and no cents (\$3,500) within ten (10) days of return receipt of this letter. If I do not hear from a representative of your agency within the prescribed time, I will initiate said claims. How do you want to handle this?

I may be reached via email ONLY at: whnorman@hotmail.com.

Respectfully,

Wayne Norman 2803 Riverside Parkway Apt. 806 Grand Prairie, Texas 75050 (817) 899-0460 cellular 70091410000119503416 RJM ACQUISITIONS LLC **SUITE 224** 575 UNDERHILL BLVD SYOSSET, NY 11791 1 (800) 541-0824 Toll Free Fax # (516) 714-1325

> Douglas I Greenberg **Director of Compliance**

June 3, 2011

Mr. Wayne H. Norman 2803 Riverside Parkway, Apt 806 Grand Prairie, TX 74050-8738

Re:

Original/Previous Creditor:

Samuels Account Number:

Samuels

Ending w/3731

R.IM File Number:

1007512122

Dear Mr. Norman:

RJM Acquisitions LLC is in receipt of your recent letter concerning the above referenced account.

In response to your letter, please be guided by the following: A Samuels account was opened April 21st, 1997 in the name of Wayne H. Norman, social security number 409-8*-***. A previous address on the account was 4709 Colby Drive, Killeen, TX 76542. The last payment, \$140.00, was received June 10th, 1997; the last purchase was made on July 25th, 1997. Due to delinquency, the account charged off/defaulted February 3rd, 1998 with a balance due of \$5,434.36.

In December 2005, RJM Acquisitions LLC purchased the above account from NCOP Capital.

Our records reveal that our first direct contact with you was on July 27th, 2010 when RJM Acquisitions LLC received a phone call from you in which you stated you had previously paid the account. Based on your claim, RJM Acquisitions LLC closed the above account.

In response to your claim that your credit report shows credit inquiries by RJM Acquisitions LLC, please be advised that RJM Acquisitions LLC has never pulled a credit report for you in the collection of the above account. It appears that the inquiries to which you refer is a program available to creditors/debt collectors that provides address updates (not credit reports). These inquiries are viewable on any credit report pulled by the consumer only; and are not seen by a potential creditor reviewing the consumer's credit history nor used in the calculation of the consumer's credit score.

The above account has been closed; RJM Acquisitions LLC has notified the credit reporting agencies to discontinue the program for future address updates. Your request for compensation is without merit and therefore denied.

Should you have any questions or if I can be of further assistance please do not hesitate to contact me at 516-714-1332.

Very truly yours.

Douglas I. Greenberg Director of Compliance

THIS COMMUNICATION IS FROM A DEBT COLLECTOR

SJS 44 (TXND Rev. 2/10)

CIVIL COVER SHEET

The JS 44 civil cover sheet and the information contained herein neither replace nor supplement the filing and service of pleadings or other papers as required by law, except as provided by local rules of court. This form, approved by the Judicial Conference of the United States in September 1974, is required for the use of the Clerk of Court for the purpose of initiating the civil docket sheet. (SEE INSTRUCTIONS ON THE REVERSE OF THE FORM.)

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